

Remarks

Claims 28-61 are currently pending. Support for the amendments to claims 28, 51 and 61 can be found at, for example, pages 10-12 of the application. No new matter has been added. In view of the amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 28-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the enablement and written description requirements. Independent claims 28, 51 and 61 have been amended to recite a binding agent comprising a polymeric component. Furthermore, Applicants submit the present invention is sufficiently described so that one skilled in the art can recognize what is claimed. For example, pages 10-12 of the specification disclose identifying characteristics of the binding agent as well as examples of suitable materials which may be utilized. In view of the above amendments, Applicants request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to deduct any fee due in connection with the filing of this document from Huntsman Corporation Deposit Account No. 08-3442.

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